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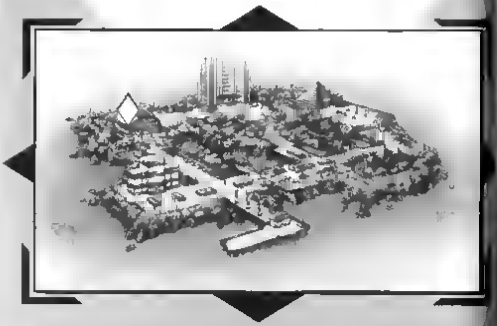

POCKET MONSTER SPECIAL THE SIXTH CHAPTER EMERALD

RUBY
AND...
...SAPPHIRE?
WE'RE POKÉDEX OWNERS OF HOENN LIKE YOURSELF!
IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE YOUR COMRADES! WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU CAPTURE JIRACHI AND PROTECT IT FROM THE ENEMY!
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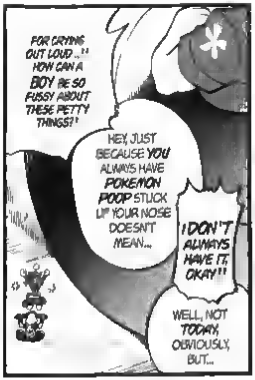
I DON'T NEED ANY HELP!!
I'M THE ONE HIRED TO CAPTURE JIRACHI, SO THERE!

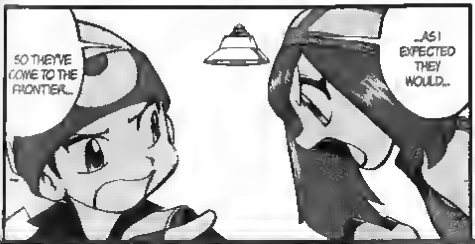
GOTTA GO, FOLKS!
AH! WAIT, EMERALD...
SMACK
SMACK
OW... THAT "IRON TAIL" SURE PACKS A PUNCH...
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE UNIMPRESSED! COME ON, WE SHOULD GIVE CHASE!

IT'S FINE HE'S TAKING PART IN THE TOURNAMENT AT THE BATTLE DOME, RIGHT?
WE'LL BE PARTICIPATING AS WELL, SO THERE'S NO NEED FOR US TO GET FLUSTERED ABOUT IT...
HMM?
BRATTO APPEARS!


FOR CRYING OUT LOUD..." HOW CAN A BOY BE SO FUSSY ABOUT THESE PETTY THINGS?!
HEY, JUST BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS HAVE POKEMON POOP STUCK UP YOUR NOSE DOESN'T MEAN...
I DON'T ALWAYS HAVE IT, OKAY!!
WELL, NOT TODAY, OBVIOUSLY, BUT...

I...I CAN SMELL SOMETHING! OH, EWW~! I NEED A CHANGE OF CLOTHES...!

RUBY, THE SON OF NORMAN, GYM LEADER OF PETALBURG...
...AND SAPPHIRE, THE DAUGHTER OF PROFESSOR BIRCH...


SO THEY'VE COME TO THE FRONTIER...
...AS I EXPECTED THEY WOULD...

WELCOME TO THE SURVIVAL TOURNAMENT AT THE BATTLE DOME...
OOHW
I'M SO FIRED UP BY TODAY'S EVENT! VIRTUAL TRAINERS SURE CAN'T BEAT THE REAL LIFE ONES, I SAY!
CHEER
INDEED! THE AUDIENCE SEEMS MUCH MORE EXCITED ABOUT THIS DOME COMPARED WITH THE OTHER FACILITIES WE'VE BEEN TO UP UNTIL YESTERDAY!
CHEER
DOME ACE TUCKER IS FINALLY ABOUT TO ENTER THE TOURNAMENT...
FROM THE SEQUENCE OF MATCHES... EMERALD WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO GO UP AGAINST HIM IN THE FINAL ROUND!
EMERALD WILL NEED TO WIN THE "TACTICS" SYMBOL HERE TO COMPLETE HIS QUEST OF CONQUERING ALL THE FACILITIES... I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!
NO, WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT YET!
...WHERE THE OUTCOME OF THE BATTLE IS DECIDED BY SPLIT SECOND DECISIONS!!
DON'T FORGET THERE ARE OTHER TRAINERS BESIDES TUCKER AND EMERALD WHO ARE LIKELY TO WIN THIS TOURNAMENT AS WELL!
BAM
BAM
BAM
AND TWO OF THEM, AT THAT!
SPLR
ZUZU! "MUD SHOT"!!
TORO! "BLAZE KICK"!!
ROOAR
RUBY AND SAPPHIRE... THEY'RE PARTICIPANTS...
...FROM THE PUBLIC, AREN'T THEY..
THEY WERE ABLE TO KNOCK THEIR OPPONENTS OUT WITH A SINGLE BLOW...
...DOMINOING UP THE RANKS BEFORE THE AUDIENCE CAN EVEN BLINK.
RUBY
SAPPHIRE

BOOOOO
WE WILL NOW ANNOUNCE THE SEMI-FINALISTS OF TODAY!
OOHHH
THEY ARE DOME ACE TUCKER...
AND THESE THREE OTHERS!

HO HO!
CHEER
CHEER

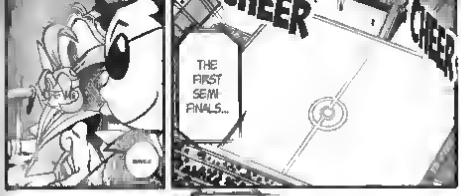
TUCKER VERSUS SAPPHIRE AND EMERALD VERSUS RUBY...
LOOKS LIKE THIS WILL TURN OUT TO BECOME SOMETHING INTERESTING!

HOW'RE THINGS GOING, TUCKER?
THINGS ARE GOING AWESOME! I'M IN TOP FORM TODAY, OWNER!

BUT IN THE REMOTE CHANCE THAT YOU SHOULD LOSE IN THE SEMI-FINALS, EMERALD WON'T BE ABLE TO CHALLENGE YOU FOR THE TACTICS SYMBOL, YOU KNOW...
WELL THEN, HOW ABOUT THIS?

WHETHER I WIN OR LOSE IN THE SEMI-FINALS, I'LL GIVE THE TACTICS SYMBOL TO THE VICTOR OF THIS TOURNAMENT...
NOT THAT...
SNATCH

I'M GOING TO LOSE, OF COURSE!


CHEER
CHEER
THE FIRST SEMI FINALS...

YOU SEEM PRETTY CONFIDENT!
YEAH...
RIGHT NOW, IT'S NOT A MATTER OF WHETHER I CAN DEFEAT ALL THE CHALLENGERS..
...OR EVEN PROTECT THE TACTICS SYMBOL...

...WILL BE EMERALD VERSUS RUBY!

I MUST BECOME STRONGER IN ORDER TO BATTLE AGAINST GULE HIDEOUT ONE MORE TIME!
RIGHT NOW MY MOTIVE IS TO SHOW HIM THE TRUE METTLE AND POWER OF THE FRONTIER BRAINS! IF HE HAPPENS TO BE WATCHING THIS TOURNAMENT...
...I WANT HIM TO KNOW THAT THE FRONTIER BRAINS WON'T LET HIM OFF FOR WHAT HE'S DONE..."

LET'S SEE THE OPPONENT'S BATTLE CARD...
BEEP BEEP
THE POKéMON HE HAS ON HAND ARE...
HMM?

ZURU! CHEST OUT! THAT'S RIGHT...
MIMI! LOOK THIS WAY, BABY!
RURU! COCK YOUR HEAD DAINTILY TO THE SIDE...
LET'S SEE... THE BEST POSITION TO PLACE THE VIDEO CAM WOULD BE... HERE!
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
LICK
HEY! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
IT'S THEIR PORTFOLIOS, SIR! JUST KEEPING A RECORD OF MY POKÉMON'S GRAND EXPLOITS. I HAVE 136 PAGES AND COUNTING!
OH, RIGHT, COULD YOU HELP ME WITH THE LIGHTING FOR MY VIDEO CAM?
THUD
BY THE WAY, EMERALD! YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT BATTLE CARD!
THESE THREE ARE MY POKÉMON ON HAND!
BATTLE BEGIN!!
LET'S GO, RURU!!
A KIRLIA, HUH? THAT'S A PSYCHIC TYPE!
THEN I'LL HAVE TO USE...
DUSCLOPS!!
THEY'RE ALREADY ATTACKING WITH "HYPNOSIS"!! DON'T FALL ASLEEP, DUSCLOPS-HANG IN THERE!!
YAWN
STAAARE

GREAT! YOU GOT THROUGH, DUSCLOPS! NOW'S OUR TURN!
SWIRRL
PSYCHIC TYPES ARE WEAK AGAINST "GHOST" TYPE ATTACKS. LET'S SEE HOW YOU FARE AGAINST A STRING OF 'EM.
"SHADOW BALL"!!
SWISH
SLAM
THD
THD
THD
THD

HMM? IT'S STILL NOT KNOCKED OUT AFTER SO MANY ATTACKS? LOOKS LIKE THIS THING'S GOT A PRETTY TOUGH HIDE!
TIME FOR A LITTLE STRATEGY ADJUSTMENT.
BOOM
"FIRE PUNCH"!!
SMASH
YES! IT'S AFFECTED BY "BURN"! NOW IT'LL LOSE HIT POINTS EVERY TURN ON TOP OF BEING ATTACKED BY MY DUSCLOPS!
YOU'RE PANTS, SWIPPLE...
BUT WILL THAT REALLY LEAD YOU TO VICTORY?"

TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT YOUR OWN POKÉMON!
EH?!
WOOSH
THOSE ATTACKS THAT I DID JUST NOW WERE ALL FOR NOTHING THEN?!
THUD
THUMP
CHEER
IT'S A DRAW!
CHEER
MY DUSCLOPS' AFFECTED BY "BURN" AS WELL?! BUT HOW...
AHH! NINJA HAS THE "SYNCHRONIZE" ABILITY!
THIS ABILITY ENSURES THAT THE OPPONENT IS AFFECTED WITH THE SAME NEGATIVE STATUS AS ITSELF
AND IT'S NOT THAT NINJA WAS ABLE TO WITHSTAND ALL THOSE "SHADOW BALL" ATTACKS JUST NOW, BUT...
HUFF
HUFF
...DUSCLOPS "SHADOW BALL" HAS MOST PROBABLY ALREADY BEEN "IMPRISONED"
HMPH... YOU'RE NOT HALF BAD!
GRIN

BOOM
AVAN!!
MIMI'S A WATER-TYPE, SO YOU'LL DEFINITELY BE USING THE LEAF-TYPE SCEPTILE, RIGHT?
WHAT GIVES? IS THIS SOME STRATEGY OF HIS? HE'S SO CONFIDENT THAT USING SOMETHING HIS POKÉMON'S WEAK AGAINST DOESN'T BOTHER HIM AT ALL?
...AHH!! WHAT ERR!!
BAM
YOU'RE ON!! COME OUT, SCEPTILE!!
HOLD IT!!
HEY, YOU!! THE LIGHTNING'S TOO DIM!! MIMI'S FACE WILL BE SHADOWED LIKE THIS!!

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Thank you for being here to cover the opening of the Battle Frontier facility!

SCOTT

Please allow us to continue explaining the rules of the facilities

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES OF EACH FACILITY

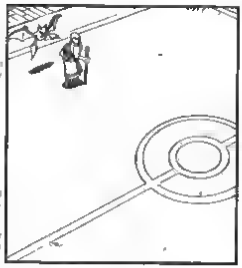
BATTLE PALACE PART 2

■ WHAT TRAINERS CAN DO WHEN CHALLENGING THE BATTLE PALACE

Since the Battle Palace is a place where Pokémon have to do battle by themselves, the trainer will only be allowed to carry out the following actions.

ANDINI'S WATCH

[illegible] driving of the battleground, the trainer will be required to leave their Pokéballs containing their three Pokémon on hand behind and go to the specialized watcher's area. They will not be allowed to issue any commands to their Pokémon themselves, but they can watch the battle take place.



/) REPLACEMENT

Although the trainers are unable to issue commands to their Pokémon, they are allowed to change the [illegible] of their party. After observing the opponent's type and status effects, if the trainer wishes to replace a member of their team with another Pokémon, they will have to request for [illegible] the Pokéballs that have been stored in the watcher's area.